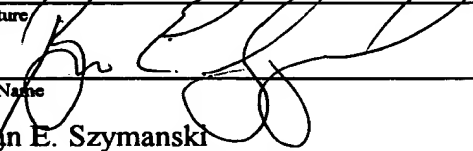


REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the specification and the pending claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112 and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

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